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Guilty

A Wilmington juvenile was sentenced to one year's probation Monday after being found guilty in Woburn Court on burglary charges.

The youth was apprehended by an Andover Street resident at 2 a.m. on September 17 in the livingroom of his home.

According to police, the resident and his wife were awakened by noises coming from somewhere in the house. The resident investigated, discovered the intruder and called the police.

Police say they believe the juvenile entered the home through a cellar window.

During questioning, he also confessed to other burglaries incidents, police said.

Disco

There is a change in dance lessons being offered by the Recreation Department this year.

Instead of ballroom dancing receiving top billing as it has for the past five years, this year disco seems to be the "in" thing to do.

Currently there are seven dance classes meeting weekly in the North Intermediate School cafeteria: four adult disco, two teen disco and one adult ballroom.

Recreation Director Ron Swasey says he isn't too surprised at this relatively sudden change in popularity. While ballroom dances will always have their traditional supporters and importance as part of our social activities, he said, the disco phenomenon has scored big lately with movies and record albums like John Travolta's Saturday Night Fever.

Swasey said he enjoys the changes that people show in their recreational preferences. "If everyone wanted the same thing year in and year out our overall program would become stagnant," he said.

New dance classes will begin again sometime in November. In the past five years, over 600 Wilmington couples have enrolled in the 10-week programs, Swasey said.

The best part of the whole thing, according to Swasey, is that the program doesn't cost the town a cent—it's self supporting.

Breakfast

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is planning a fall breakfast, with a probable date of October 17 at 7:30 a.m. The site has not yet been named, nor has the speaker been chosen.

Directors of the chamber, in their last meeting, discussed the possibility of having monthly breakfast or luncheon meetings. It is a subject on which the directors would like some input from the members of the Chamber.

Early Deadline

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY (Monday)

Leif Ericsson Day

All copy (ads & news) must be in the TOWN CRIER office by 5 P.M. Friday, Oct. 6.




Open soon

With the new Regional Health Center in Wilmington nearly ready to open, the office, long located in the MacDougall home, has been moved into the new facility. With her office still in boxes and confusion, Phyllis Trefry was busy on Monday typing cards to notify people that the address is now 500 Salem St., Wilmington. The center, officials said, will be open soon, but the date is not yet known.

Fire claims vacant home

Wilmington firefighters responded to a blaze Sunday morning in a vacant home on Broad Street.

The fire, which was termed "of suspicious origin" by Deputy Chief Wandell took over an hour to quell.

Responding were engines one and two, ladder one and cars 20 and 28.

According to Deputy Chief Wandell, windows, doors and the cement block foundation of the wood frame structure were blown out by an explosion. No one was injured in the blaze.

The property is owned by Robert

Raucci of 425 North Street in Tewksbury.

The fire is currently under investigation by the Wilmington police and fire departments and by the state Fire Marshall's office.

On Saturday, the fire department responded to eight separate calls for brush fires. One, at the end of Kendall Street, took more than five hours to put out.

Firefighters attribute part of the reason for the fires to a recent dry spell, prior to Sunday's rainstorm.

Conservation approval needed

A letter of preliminary approval from the Conservation Commission is all that is needed to gain HUD approval of the West Street site for subsidized family housing, said George Hooper of the Wilmington Housing Authority recently.

Hooper said the Housing authority had met with the Conservation Commission last week and was given a verbal preliminary approval of the site.

Once the letter is submitted to HUD and funding is granted, Hooper said, the Housing Authority will report back to the various town boards on exact specifications for the planned construction.

Earlier this year the Housing Authority was granted initial approval for funding for 25 units of federally-subsidized family housing.

The Authority has recently received an invitation to re-apply to the state for 110 units of housing for the elderly. Hooper said the Housing Authority would follow through on this, although under the Dukakis administration they were twice refused.

It would take at least 200 units, he said, to fill the needs of all the elderly citizens in Wilmington.

Attention: Walkers

Funds collected in the recent Wilmington Community Fund Walkathon should be mailed to P.O. Box 147, Wilmington

Due to the Monday Holiday October 9 All Rubbish collections will be one day late next week

The rubbish contract specifies that no rubbish placed in paper bags or cartons shall be collected.

Old bakery scene of second fire

The ramshackle structure on Salem Street which once housed the town Bakery was the scene of the second fire in less than three weeks Saturday.

At approximately 11:10 p.m. firefighters responded to a call to contain a blaze at that address with engines one and two and Car 20.

Deputy Fire Chief Dan Wandell reported that the fire was confined to

a small section in the middle of the building and the roof directly above it. It was, he said, probably set by arsonists.

Last week a notice of violation was issued to the building's owners Harry and Helen Cheifitz.

Building inspector Charles Lawrenson, contacted by the Town Crier, said he would be talking with the Clerk of the Woburn District Court on Tuesday

to see what could be done about the structure, since he had had no response from the property's owners.

At least two firefighters have been injured, one seriously, while fighting fires at that address in the past few years. In addition, the building is open and unstable, according to Deputy Chief Wandell, and poses a hazard for neighborhood children.

Special Education discussed at School Committee meeting

by Elaine DePasquale

A blessed event delayed debate on Wilmington High School's open campus at the School Committee meeting last week, but a discussion of new and costly Chapter 766 regulations gave the meeting substance anyway.

At the meeting it was announced that Committeeman Phil Fenton could not be present because his wife had just given birth to a 6 pound 13 ounce baby girl.

Several teachers and high school administrators were on hand hoping for a chance to discuss Fenton's motion of three weeks ago which directed the School Committee to come up with plans to limit the open campus situation. However, because of Fenton's known interest in the subject, the Committee decided to table the discussion. October 25 was suggested as a suitable time to proceed on the matter.

Also at the meeting, Special Education Director Cleo Eredette presented his department's quarterly report. October 4 was set aside as the date to hear the Teachers' Association grievance which resulted from a new annual reposting of coaching positions; and October 11 was earmarked for a presentation on recommendations for school use in the face of declining enrollments.

In his report, Fredette outlined several new regulations which have become part of Chapter 766, a state law requiring school systems to provide youngsters with equal educational opportunities regardless of handicaps. One in particular, he said, had him "quite concerned" over possible high budgetary impact.

This was a new requirement that every student in the program receive a full core re-evaluation every three years.

Currently, the Special Education Department holds annual program reviews. Only in situations where a youngster's program has undergone a drastic change is re-testing needed. This amounts to re-testing approximately 50 to 75 youngsters a year, said Fredette.

Under the new regulation all of the youngsters in special education programs (currently 641 or 13.1 per cent of the total school population) must be retested every three years.

To comply with this regulation, 250 students must be re-evaluated this year, said Fredette, plus another 160 by 1981.

According to Fredette, there are three directions the School Department may take in dealing with the new requirements. The most expensive would entail hiring another central core team such as the one Wilmington now has, which is made up of a chairman, a nurse, a reading specialist and a psychologist. According to Superintendent of Schools Walter Pierce, hiring another complete team would mean the expenditure of another \$75,000 in salaries.

Another option, Fredette said, would be to "de-centralize" the entire re-evaluation process. This, he said, would be the most cost effective. It

would require principals to be chairmen of their own buildings, and counselors, reading teachers and school nurses to become involved in the re-evaluations of youngsters in their particular buildings.

The only drawback to this approach, Fredette said, is that it could take away from time spent on regular education.

The third option would be a combination of the first two. It would call for the hiring of only certain types of staff persons. For example, Fredette said, the School Department might hire a psychologist and a reading specialist, but require school nurses to make home visits and school principals to be chairmen of their buildings.

Fredette said he has met with principals once already and will be meeting with them again to explore the options before deciding which direction to pursue.

Another costly program which has been mandated by the State of Massachusetts, Fredette said, is a campaign called "Child Fund."

In Wilmington, as in other communities, some children have been discovered over the years who have never attended a school of any kind.

"We have found youngsters as old as 12 who have never gone to school a day in their lives," said Pierce. Two such youngsters were discovered only last year. They are now enrolled in special education classes and are receiving instruction.

"I think there is a need for this type of program" said Fredette. He added, however, that he believed most of the responsibility for running the program should belong to the state Department of Education and not to the individual cities and towns.

The program, as mandated by the state, directs the cities and towns to conduct a media campaign to insure that the community understands the services available under the special education law. The towns are also required to reproduce and distribute leaflets with the same purpose.

Fredette said he expects to seek help from members of the seven-town SEEM collaborative and from members of a new, system-wide Parent Advisory Council now being formed to provide input on issues relating to special needs youngsters.

A change will also be effected, Fredette said, in the present method for handling "speech therapy-only" cases. Because the present informal method is not in compliance with the letter of the law, new procedures must be established with individual parents' meetings and home notifications.

In order to do this, Fredette said, the present third grade screening process must be eliminated and children with speech difficulties will be strictly on a referral basis.

Although enrollments throughout the system as a whole are declining, Fredette said, enrollments under special education are actually increasing. The current percentage of the school population involved in

special education, 13.1 per cent, is high, Fredette admitted. He said, however that he would not be unduly concerned unless it continued to climb.

Yet, as a foil against the possibility of upwardly spiralling referrals, he suggested to the School Committee that Management Process Workshop be held sometime this year. Its purpose, he said, was to explore "what a school system can do out of context of special education in terms of meeting youngsters needs and holding down 766 costs."

According to Fredette, the workshop, which will be run by Dr. Charles Claydon of Lesley College, will seek to establish a variety of options for principals, such as tutoring or greater use of parent and retiree volunteers with an eye to holding down special education referrals.

Fredette said he is planning to write a grant to attract funding for the project. "Some new money has recently become available," he said.

In other business, the Committee accepted the registration of Shawshen School sixth grade teacher George Paras who is leaving to accept a principal's post at a New Hampshire school. They also set aside part of the October 4 meeting to interview the single candidate who has applied for the position of Data Processing Director.

"It seems to make sense to act rather soon on this," said Pierce, "so we can work closely with Westinghouse to avoid a catastrophic situation in 1979 with regard to scheduling."

Because Timeshare, the firm originally hired to provide software for the school's computer, withdrew unexpectedly from its contract, the school department reverted in part to a prior arrangement they had with Westinghouse.

According to Pierce, the school department is committed to Westinghouse for two years for attendance and report cards. In addition, Westinghouse did classroom scheduling for this year.

Pierce said he would like to see dual systems, Wilmington's and Westinghouse's run by January, 1979, to get the kinks out of the new software program.

THANKS

The Wilmington Tennis Club would like to acknowledge the following local companies which sponsored our Fall Tournaments:

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Paul S. Greco, President
Wilmington Tennis Club

Gymnastic schedule

Those girls in grades four through 12 who were tested in the Wilmington High School gym last Saturday have been placed in classes according to their general level of proficiency. The entire schedule of girls gymnastics follows:

Saturdays, Oct. 7 to Nov. 25: Group 1, beginners, 12:30 to 1:20 p.m.; group two beginners, 1:30 to 2:20 p.m.

Mondays, Oct. 9 to Nov. 27: Group three, intermediate, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; group four, advanced, 7:30 to 8:50 p.m.

Classes will be held in the High School gym. Cost is \$10 payable at the first class.

Class participants are:

Group 1: Danielle Barrett, Marcia Burns, Sandy Burpee, Joan Caisinger, Julie Eiranova, Michelle Evers, Sheila Evers, Lisa Falvene, Kathleen Florio, Julie Lesperance, Christina MacDonald, Sandy

MacMullen, Kathy Martins, Christine O'Hearn, Cheryl Peck, Judy Seville, Christine Smith, Beth Winnett, Jody Woods.

Group 2: Karen Andersen, Jennifer Armstrong, Christine Bachand, Barbara Brozyna, Susan Brozyna, Jane Cosman, Keley Croin, Laurie Deiden, Kim DeWire, Ellen Gentile, Michelle Holbrook, Kelly Howard, Stacie Noel, Jean Otati, Anne Rogers, Christine Tolomen, Danielle Vinal, Kathy Wandell, Nancy Wandell.

Group 3: Janet Beninate, Lisa Caizzi, Abbie Herrick, Janet Leary, Rhonda Long, Kati Lyden, Kim MacDonald, Kim Pattersen, Laura Ravasini, Diane Renslow, Kathy Robinson, Patti Robson, Julie Rowen, Auralie Smith.

Group 4: Michelle Buzzell, Ellen Grinder, Lori Hardy, Janet Magliozzi, Kim Palino, Cindy Runge, Anne Ryan.

Swimming cancelled

There will be no swimming activities at the Shawheen Tech pool this Sunday, October 8 for the town of Wilmington. All swimming programs will resume at the Tech pool on Sunday, October 15.

Advanced, beginner and intermediate classes are scheduled to begin October 15 and run through December 17. Classes will be given between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Open swim for all Wilmington residents will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and adult swimming is from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There is a 50 cent charge per person, per visit.

Parents are advised that the shallow end of the pool is 4 feet 2 inches deep. Non-swimmers will not be allowed to participate unless accompanied by an adult.



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Sergeant Jenkins honored

Staff Sergeant Kent A. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Jenkins of 22 Kent Street, Tewksbury now wears a distinctive service ribbon as a member of an organization which was recently awarded the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit award.

Jenkins is a technician-instructor, in inflight refueling, at the Griffiss AFB in New York State. He serves with the 41st Air Refueling Squadron, the unit that earned the award for meritorious service from July 1, 1976 to July 20, 1977.

Jenkins is a 1969 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Rena DeCecca to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton F. DeCecca of 12 Pilling Rd., Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rena Frances to John D. O'Connell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Connell, Sr. of 256 South St., Tewksbury.

Rena is a 1974 graduate of Wilmington High School and is presently employed as a payroll clerk at Compu-graphic.

John graduate from Wilmington with the class of 1973 and is currently employed by Tech-Aid Corporation as a draftsman.

A March wedding is planned.

Gary Millward completes basic

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Gary W. Millward, son of Patricia A. and James Millward III of 38 Baldwin St., Tewksbury, has completed recruit training at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J.

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MVC picks Early showdown- Dracut vs Chelmsford

The Merrimack Valley Conference showdown comes early this year with the Dracut Middies travelling to Chelmsford to take on the Lions in a game that could determine the conference champ in just the third week of the MVC season. Both teams have two easy wins apiece under their belts and the confrontation should be a dandy. Last year Dracut nipped the Lions 7-0 in a surprising defensive struggle. This year both teams are capable of scoring points early and often.

Tewksbury has its annual "Homecoming Game" this week against the always scrappy Billerica Indians who have ridden the roller coaster thus far this season - topping Ipswich 19-8 before falling to Dracut 20-6 and nipping Lawrence Central Catholic last week 13-12.

The Redmen offense continued to struggle last week at Methuen and it will be the key to making this game a happy homecoming for coach Bob Aylward's young team - who find themselves in much the same situation that Wilmington was in a year ago - young talented offensive backs who will naturally make mistakes while learning the varsity ropes.

The Wildcats may be on the verge of turning the corner if they can avoid the key mistakes on defense and score some points early. The WHS offense can be one of the top crews in the conference.

They'll get a chance to make that first turn Saturday when they host the Methuen Rangers - who have already come around the bend and appear headed for MVC respectability.

The other conference games this week pit Andover against struggling Austin Prep and Central Catholic against the Lawrence Lancers at the Lancers' gridiron.

Last week's record (including a right-on-the-nose job in the 21-14 Andover win) was a mediocre 3-2. This week's MVC picks:

Tewksbury 14-Billerica 12...I've got to believe that the Redmen offense will stop making the big mistake that leads to the disappointing loss. The team didn't run the ball well at all last Saturday in Methuen and that is the key to any offense with the exception being Andover who seems to be able to get away with a poor running game.

It would help if Tewksbury can get Paul Weitz and Dave Puzzo healthy again. The way the offense is playing the tendency is to look for Tewksbury to play conservative, bang-away-at-you football, but a team can't do that without a good ground game and the Redmen haven't shown that they can control the football at all this year.

The Indians haven't been much better however, turning over the ball at an alarming rate. That could be a factor in this game. The TMHS defense must get the offense the ball in good field position.

The Billerica defense is quick and

plays the run decently. If TMHS quarterback Dennis Vecchi has a good day Tewksbury will win. I think the offensive backfield will turn things around for Tewksbury. Better blocking in the offensive line would help the running cause also. A few of those early season problems just might come together this week in Tewksbury.

Wilmington 21-Methuen 8...I question as to whether the Rangers are a legitimate MVC contender. For three quarters against Tewksbury Methuen was making the same mistakes on offense that go hand in hand with being a second division club. Only when the Tewksbury offense decided to match the Rangers turnover for turnover did Methuen take advantage of the good field position - largely due to the outside bursts of Kevin Tarr who still doesn't have a good sense of how the game should be played. He's a burner however and if he gets the play straight in the huddle and the pitch from erratic quarterback Kevin Bradley is on target - look out. Fullback Ron McGrath is also a decent banger for Methuen.

The defense played a tough game against Tewksbury a week ago, but the Wildcats have more firepower than the Redmen - namely receiver Dave Woods and halfback Chris Briggs who have teamed with quarterback John Robarge to give WHS an offense that was non-existent in many games last year.

If the WHS defense can force the big Methuen turnover then the offense could put some points on the board early against a defense that isn't as strong as it looked against Tewksbury last Saturday.

Chelmsford 14-Dracut 8...The stingy Lion defense will be put to the test in this one. The Middies have some weapons with halfbacks Dave Nicholaou and Ron Monbleau leading the artillery.

The Lions have ripped two weak opponents by a whopping 73-7 count while Dracut has yet to be tested in games against Billerica and Lawrence. This is the first real test for either club and the winner could emerge as an early favorite to run away and hide in the race for the conference crown.

Andover 38-Austin Prep 6...The Cougars will score their first touchdown of the season after 21-0, 20-0 and 42-0 blankings. Either Manny Silva or Tom Walsh should riddle the Cougar secondary with pinpoint passing. The Golden Warriors probably won't have to go to the ground much at Austin Prep.

Central Catholic 21-Lawrence 16...Central Catholic has disappointed with an 0-2 start after high hopes in the preseason. Neither club is a title contender so this game is for the Lawrence division title of the

The Andover Golden Warriors seem to have a knack for coming up with points in a hurry via the pass. Last year it was a 51 yard Dan Welch to Rick Collins touchdown bomb striking down the Wildcats 14-10 with one second on the clock.

This season it was the Warriors' lethal air game that sent the spirited but inexperienced Wilmington defense down to defeat again as the home club erased 14-0 WHS lead with 15 fourth quarter points that included a 20 yard pass to Paul Farnham from reserve quarterback Tom Walsh with 21 seconds left to play.

Walsh, who had beaten Tewksbury a week before with his pinpoint passing to Farnham, came off the bench after starter Manny Silva (sore shoulder) was rushed hard and dumped by a Wildcat defense that limited Andover to nine yards rushing in 21 attempts - but was burned by a passing game that went 21 for 33 and helped give the winners 278 yards total offense.

The Cats went with a three man defensive front, putting eight men back to protect against the Warriors' perennially strong passing attack. The absence of defensive back Dave Ballou, who is sidelined with mononucleosis, hurt the Cat defensive backfield where inexperience was a factor according to assistant coach Jim Gillis who went into the game with the confidence that his defensive team "had everything covered."

"It isn't like we didn't have the people there," mentioned Gillis after the game. The Wilmington defensive line coach admitted that inexperience affected the Wildcats as the game got down to the nitty-gritty of the fourth quarter. "We always had two or three kids around the ball," added a disappointed Gillis.

Unfortunately Walsh has shown that he can connect with Farnham in a crowd. The 269 yards and three touchdowns gained through the air put a dent in a strong Wildcats defensive



Too late

Wildcat defensive back Matt Phillips moves in too late as Andover receiver Bob Lucey snares a Manny Silva pass Saturday. The Warriors erased a 14-0 WHS lead to win 21-14.



Moran scores

WHS fullback Tim Moran (with ball) scores his second touchdown of the game to give the Wildcats a 13-0 third quarter lead. Leading the celebration is WHS guard Tom Carroll (65).

effort that was picked up considerably by the fact that the offense put a first half touchdown on the board and scored again in the third stanza to take a surprising 14-0 lead before the deensive corps were thin against the pass.

The Wildcats' offense got on the board first after a scoreless first quarter as junior quarterback John Robarge connected with senior fullback Tim Moran for 26 yards and a touchdown with 5:40 remaining in the first half.

The first WHS score was set up by Dave Woods (offensive lineman of the week) who intercepted a pass (his first of two on the day) and returned it 24 yards to the Andover 26. The WHS offense went right to work as the first play after the Woods theft went for a touchdown when Moran banged in for a three yard touchdown. Briggs booted the conversion and the Wildcats led 7-0.

A poor Andover punt set up the second Wildcat score with 6:05 left to play in the third quarter. The kick gave Wilmington the ball at the Andover 27 and an eight playdrive was capped off when Moran banged in for a three yard touchdown. Briggs was again perfect on the point after for a 14-0 Wilmington lead.

Woods continued his timely receiving as he grabbed a pair of Robarge passes good for 27 yards to spark the best WHS series of the afternoon. Robarge helped fuel the scoring drive with a nine yard scamper.

Andover quarterback Manny Silva looked completely recovered from a shoulder separation that kept him out of the Tewksbury game as after the ensuing kickoff he led his club on a drive that ended with a 16 yard TD pass to Ed Collins with 1:18 left in the

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MVC STANDINGS		Andover 21, Wilmington 14	
Chelmsford	2 0 0 73 7	Billerica	13, Central Catholic 12
Dracut	2 0 0 69 26	Chelmsford	42, Austin Prep 0
Methuen	2 0 0 40 28	Dracut	49, Lawrence 20
Andover	2 0 0 39 16	Games this Saturday	
Wilmington	1 1 0 34 21	Billerica	at Tewksbury
Billerica	1 1 0 19 32	Methuen	at Wilmington
Lawrence	1 2 0 43 80	Andover	at Austin Prep
Central Catholic	0 0 2 28 37	Central Catholic	at Lawrence
Tewksbury	0 2 0 14 34	Dracut	at Chelmsford
Austin Prep	0 0 3 0 83		

MVC results
Sept. 30
Methuen 16, Tewksbury 12

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Football from Page 6

third quarter.

Silva (20 for 32, 249 yards) completed five passes during this march, including an 18 yard connection with Manny Berger on a third and 15 situation that picked the series up off the floor for the Warriors.

The WHS offense stalled in the fourth quarter and the Warriors looked like they were finally going to put something together when after an exchange of punts they got the ball in excellent field position at the Wildcat 38.

Farnham took in an 18 yard pass before catching two more Silva passes to move the ball down to the Wilmington six. The Warriors stuck to the ground from that point with Silva capping the series with a one yard quarterback sneak for the touchdown. Silva booted the conversion that gave Andover a 14-14 tie in the fourth quarter.

The WHS defense hung tough and covered for a Chris Briggs fumble that was recovered by Andover's Ray Lynch at the WHS 20. The three man defensive front was solid on the ensuing Andover series, forcing Silva into a 33 yard field goal attempt that he missed with less than two minutes left in the game.

The WHS offense couldn't come up with the game winning drive late in the fourth quarter and the Golden Warriors took over at the Wilmington 45 and staged the winning drive via the accustomed air route.

Silv connected on passes of 13 and 14 yards to Bill Lucey before being shaken up by a hard Wildcat pass rush on an incompletion later in the series.

Gillis' claim that his defense always had two or three people around the football was supported when junior reserve Walsh entered the game for the injured Silva and fired a pass into the endzone that Farnham caught for the game winner after winning an air battle with three Cat defenders. Silva kicked the conversion and the Wildcats had no time to mount a desperation drive as time ran out after the kickoff.

The defensive front played a solid game for Wilmington as Phil Russo (defensive lineman of the week) and sophomore Mike Russo were tough in the trenches as was tri-captain tackle Tom Carroll.

The Wildcats gained 221 yards total offense - 105 on the ground and 116 via the air. Robarge played another strong game with an eight for 16 passing day.

Saturday Wilmington plays host to the improved Methuen Rangers who upset Tewksbury 16-12 last week. The Rangers are unbeaten with a 2-0 mark after topping Central Catholic 24-16 and the slumping Redmen. Game time at WHS is 1:30.



Wilmington's John Protopapas looks intently at his pass late in last week's 2-0 loss to Chelmsford. The Wildcats snapped the early season slump with a win Monday afternoon.

Concentration

MVC soccer

Wingate, Wildcats blank St. John's

Goalie Steve Wingate recorded his second shutout of the season as the WHS soccer team won its first game with a 1-0 blanking of St. John's Prep Monday afternoon. The win snapped the Wildcats' winless streak at six games and improved their MVC soccer slate to 1-4-2.

Senior striker and co-captain John Connell scored the game's only goal when he pumped in a penalty shot. Wingate was his steady self in net with solid defensive support.

Wednesday (Sept. 27) the improved Chelmsford Lions handed the Wildcats a 2-0 blanking as MVC scoring leader Paul Clancy (nine goals, two assists-20 points) assisted on both goals.

The Wildcats' defense hung tough against the first place Lions, but the offense couldn't penetrate the Chelmsford defense and goalie Loren

Wass, who racked up his fourth shutout - the fifth for the Lions as a team.

The Lions outshot the Wildcats 22-18 with Wass making 13 saves and Wingate 14 for WHS. The Lions cracked through to score as Jerry Scannell tallied with 1:18 left to play in the first half. Clancy dropped a perfect pass off to Scannell who beat Wingate cleanly.

Chelmsford made it 2-0 when George Barnard took a pass from Clancy and scored with 8:19 left to play in the game.

Today (Oct. 4) the Wildcats host Tewksbury in a 3:45 game at the North Intermediate field. Friday afternoon Austin Prep comes to town and the week's schedule concludes with a Monday game at home against the Andover Golden Warriors.

Merrimack Valley Soccer Conference results Monday

Chelmsford 2, Methuen 2 (tie)
Tewksbury 2, Austin Prep 0
Wilmington 1 St. John's Prep 0
Lawrence 1, Billerica 0
Chelmsford 5 0 2 12 17 4
Methuen 5 1 2 12 14 7
Billerica 5 2 0 10 15 5
Andover 4 1 2 10 9 4
Lawrence 3 2 2 8 5 5
Tewksbury 2 5 0 4 9 16
Austin Prep 1 4 2 4 7 11
Wilmington 1 4 2 4 4 11
St. John's 0 7 0 0 2 19

Games today (Oct. 4)
3:30 p.m.

Billerica at Chelmsford
Tewksbury at Wilmington
Austin Prep at Lawrence
St. John's at Andover

Shawsheen downs Assabet Valley 13-0

Halfback Fred Olshaw scored a pair of touchdowns as the Shawsheen Tech football team rolled on with a 13-0 conquest of Assabet Valley Regional in a non-league game played at Marlboro Saturday.

The win was the sixth straight for coach Bill Ritchie's team over the past two seasons - the 11th in their last 13 games. The win improved the Rams record to 3-0 while Assabet Valley slipped to 1-2-0 on the season.

Senior defensive back Paul Bush set up both Olshaw touchdowns with an interception and a fumble recovery.

Saturday the Rams play host to Greater Lawrence Regional in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference

opener. Game time at the Billerica school is 1:30 p.m.

Rangers bomb Cats

The Methuen Rangers' cross country team ripped through the Wildcats 17-46 Monday afternoon to improve their MVC record to 4-0 while coach Frank Kelley's Cats slipped into the MVC basement with an 0-3 mark.

Methuen took the top three places before Wilmington's Carl Borgeson broke the string with a fourth place finish in 13:54. Other Cat point getters were captain Kevin Cogan (14:23), John Mucci (14:35), Bill Cassidy (14:36) and soph Mike Stokes (14:45).

The Wilmington junior varsity dropped a 16-40 decision while the Methuen freshmen completed a Ranger sweep with a 17-39 win.

The WHS girls cross country team had a tough time in a 15-50 loss to Methuen.

Merrimack Valley Cross Country League Results Monday

Billerica 15, Tewksbury 42
Methuen 17, Wilmington 46
Austin Prep 19, Andover 36
Law. Central 23, Lawrence 32
Chelmsford 19, Dracut 42
Austin Prep 3 0 0 1.000
Billerica 3 0 0 1.000
Methuen 3 0 0 1.000
Chelmsford 2 1 0 .667
Andover 1 2 0 .333
Lawrence 1 2 0 .333
Law. Central 1 2 0 .333
Tewksbury 1 2 0 .333
Dracut 0 3 0 .000
Wilmington 0 3 0 .000

Meets Friday
Wilmington at Billerica
Chelmsford at Law. Central
Lawrence at Tewksbury
Austin Prep at Dracut
Andover at Methuen

Wilmington

SPORTS



Youth Hockey highlights

Bantam A's top Cambridge, Stoneham

Coaches Gordon and Mike Carlin's Bantam A's came up with two wins this past week. Thursday in the Wilmington League they defeated Cambridge 1-0 and Sunday in the Middlesex League Stoneham dropped a 6-1 game.

In Wilmington, goalies Bill Redler and Jeff Lux picked up their first shut-out of the season.

It was dead even offensively before Donny Josephson scored at 8:07 of the third period with the assists going to Chuck McNeil and Darryl MacDonald. Ted Moran, Ron Greenberg, Ed Olson and George Boudreau helped preserve the 1-0 shutout.

Sunday in the Middlesex League Stoneham fell as Wilmington struck for two first period goals. Chuck McNeil scored at 7:33 and Bill Robinson at 6:14 with the assists going to Darryl MacDonald, Ron Greenberg and John Cushing.

At 10:24 of the second period Don Josephson made it 3-0 before Chuck McNeil found his range at 2:14. Josephson picked up his second goal of the period with 12 seconds left.

Assists went to Chuck McNeil and Darryl MacDonald with two each and Josephson with one, as Wilmington led 5-0 after two periods.

At 10:47 of the third stanza Stoneham made it 5-1 before Frank Newark scored at 1:03 with help from Greenberg to account for the 6-1 final.

The A's missed defenseman Jim Conti who was in the hospital.

Squirt A's fall to Medford
Saturday the A's broke their scoring drought, but still came out on the short end of a 5-1 score as they were defeated by a strong skating Medford team.

Medford took a quick two goal lead, before the A's came back on the good forechecking led by John McLaughlin. Jeff Brennan later put Wilmington within one as he scored his first goal of the young season.

Despite some good defensive work and some excellent goal tending, Medford scored three unanswered goals to hand Wilmington a 5-1 setback.

The A's next see action on Friday (Oct. 6) at 9 p.m., when they journey to Burlington to take on Winchester.



Wildcats apply pressure

Wildcats Ann Schultz (14) and Mary Ann Campbell (far right) charge the net during a recent MVC game. The girls have a 3-1-1 MVC record.

Linemen of the Week



Dave Woods

The WHS defensive lineman of the week is fast becoming one of the most dependable receivers in the MVC after his six catches for 75 yards Saturday, including three spectacular grabs to fuel the WHS attack.

Dave also turned in some excellent downfield blocking and was tough on the defensive side with two interceptions.

The son of Joseph and Mary Woods hopes to attend Boston College. His interests include foreign languages, baseball and basketball. The lanky Wildcat receiver lives at 191 Wildwood Street.



Phil Russo


The Wildcat tri-captain spearheaded a defense that limited Andover to nine rushing yards in 21 attempts Saturday. Phil made 10 unassisted tackles, had four assists on tackles and sacked Andover quarterbacks twice. He also caused a Golden Warrior fumble on Andover's first running play of the afternoon.

Phil hopes to attend Holy Cross and play for the improved Crusaders after graduation. His hobbies include all sports. Phil lives at 99 Chestnut Street with his parents Rico and Bernice Russo.

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ARTICLE 66
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning By-Laws by creating a new "Multiple Family District" Zone sym-

bolized by "MFD" to be added to Section 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS by adding a new 3.7 MULTIPLE FAMILY DISTRICT, and also to amend Section 4.6, Use Regulations Schedule which will now read as follows:

4.6 Use Regulations Schedule
(Numbers in parentheses refer to NOTES for Use Regulations Schedule)

Table with columns: TYPE OF USE, Regulation Notes for Entire District, RG, BL (1), BG (1), IL, IH (4), MFD. Rows include Residential, Agricultural, Institutional and Recreational, Retail Business, Offices, Automotive Service, Industrial Uses, and various sub-categories.

Notes for Use Regulation Schedule
(1) In limited or general business districts, no use shall be permitted involving manufacture on the premises, except products...

any public way.
(4) The Board of Appeals may permit in any Heavy Industrial District a use which is substantially similar to a use specifically permitted by the provisions of this section...

20 of the 1970 Town Meeting).
(6) A solid Waste Resource Recovery Facility is prohibited in all districts except for approximately 62 acres located on the southwesterly side of and adjacent to Interstate Route 93...

ARTICLE 68
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning By-Laws by creating a new heavy industrial restrictive type zoning dis-

trict to be defined as "Heavy Industry A" symbolized by "IHA" to be added to Section 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS by adding a new 3.8 HEAVY INDUSTRY A, and also to amend Section 4.6, Use

Regulations Schedule which will now read as follows:
4.6 Use Regulations Schedule
(Numbers in parentheses refer to NOTES for Use Regulations Schedule)

Table with columns: TYPE OF USE, Regulation Notes for Entire District, RG, BL (1), BG (1), IL, IH (4), IHA (7). Rows include Residential, Agricultural, Institutional and Recreational, Retail Business, Offices, Automotive Service, Industrial Uses, and various sub-categories.

Notes for Use Regulation Schedule
(1) In limited or general business districts, no use shall be permitted involving manufacture on the premises, except products...

District a use which is substantially similar to a use specifically permitted by the provisions of this section in the nature of its processes, in the number of persons and vehicles which will be attracted to the premises, and in its effect upon nearby premises...

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS Case 60-78 A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, on Tuesday Evening, October 24, 1978, at 7:00 p.m., on the application of Lewis Carbone, 71 Lowell Street, to acquire a special permit in accordance with Section III-B.1 to allow for the alteration and conversion of a one-family detached dwelling for use as a two-family dwelling (Assessors' Map 39 Lot 1A) Bruce MacDonald Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS Case 61-78 A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, on Tuesday Evening, October 24, 1978, at 7:00 p.m., on the application of Dennis P. Rooney, 12 Kiernan Avenue, to acquire a special permit in accordance with section III-B.5 to permit the storage and repair of contractors equipment on property located at 961 Main Street. (Assessors' Map 24 Lot 33) Bruce MacDonald Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS Case 62-78 A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall Annex, 150 Middlesex Avenue, on Tuesday Evening, October 24, 1978, at 7:00 p.m., on the application of Earl L. Happer, 137 West Street, to acquire a special permit in accordance with section III-B.5 to permit the storage and repair of contractors equipment. (Assessors' Map 56 Lot 3) Bruce MacDonald Board of Appeals

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The Wilmington edition of the Town Crier, last week, carried as part of a story about Route 93 and Route 129 a brief item saying that the state was planning to cut through what is called Wilmington Square. This would be a small part, of course, of the project which calls for a new bridge (Route 62) over the railroad, a new by-pass for Route 38 around Wilmington, and many things to be done to the railroad.

It was back about the time of the Spanish American War, give or take a couple of years, that a new bridge was built over the railroad.

The original bridge had been a part of the old Boston & Lowell Railroad. When that railroad was laid down - 1833-35, the planners wanted no grade crossings. They got no grade crossings, except in what is now Winchester Square, and what is now West Medford. In every other place a bridge was built over the railroad.

Such a bridge was built over the railroad at Wilmington. It was about 14 feet above the tracks. The old Middlesex Canal was close by, passing beneath the street that is now called Burlington Avenue, so that there were two bridges relatively close together.

There was no Church Street in 1835. Church Street came about 20 years later, and is noteworthy in one way as being the first street in Wilmington that was laid out in a straight line. Perhaps, too, it was the first street to be laid out by a Civil Engineer or surveyor.

Because the Boston & Lowell Railroad had a bridge, at what is now Burlington Avenue, in Wilmington, there had to be a way for wagons, and buggies, etc. to get up to that bridge level. So the ground was filled in, on both sides of the railroad. That was about 140 years ago.

The railroad station was located to the southeast of the bridge, in the area between the railroad and Main Street. Part of the area is now taken up by a huge electric transformer.

Because there was a bridge there, that railroad station shortly became a two level station. One could walk off the bridge, by a trestle or catwalk, from Burlington to the second story of the railroad station, which was a two and one half story building.

Traditionally, there were, in addition to the usual signs about a railroad depot, another saying "West India Goods," and yet another saying "Tobacco." In other words the railroad station was also a general store. West India Goods was a nice genteel way of advertising rum.

That railroad station burned down just before the Spanish American War. Mrs. Daniel Buzzell, the wife of Dr. Buzzell, was one of the people who assisted in moving stuff out of the second story store, during the fire. Her maiden name, if the writer remembers correctly, was White.

Dr. and Mrs. Buzzell lived in what was known as the Blanchard House. That house was probably the first house to be built in what is now Wilmington Square. It probably was built by other than the members of the Blanchard family. That family, as the Wilmington Minutemen will relate, was descended from Sergeant Blanchard of the Wilmington Company of Minutemen, who marched and fought in Concord, on Concord Day.

A Blanchard was Wilmington's first postmaster, and he had his office, which was probably very small, in his house, facing what is now Main Street. The Blanchard house was finally torn down to make room for the New England Telephone building, in Wilmington Square.

As a matter of record, there were no other buildings immediately in the area when the railroad came through, in 1835. The building where the American Traveller office is now was built about 1850, by a member of the Buck family and is today probably the oldest building in Wilmington Square. Others were built after that.

By the time the Boston & Maine got to building a new bridge, which was in the late 1890s there were quite a few buildings in the area that is now called Wilmington Square.

Schamiel MacIntosh owned several buildings, east of Church Street and along what is now Main Street. There are two still standing, on Main Street. His blacksmith shop faced on Church Street, and there were other buildings behind it.

Josie Ames owned several buildings on the other side of Church Street. One of them was a two story place, and had a hall upstairs, called, naturally, Ames Hall.

It was in that hall that the first Methodist services were held in Wilmington. Other things happened there, too.

There was, for instance, the visits of the Kickapoo Indians. Quite possibly they were not even Indians, but whites, but they would rent Ames Hall, and put on "Indian Medicine Shows" for the benefit of the populace.

They then sold Kickapoo medicine to the white man,

Raising the Railroad



Ames Hall had to be moved, because of the new grade for Church Street. This photo shows it on its new brick foundation, and Church Street being graded. There are marks on the building from contact with a former porch.

The person at left is Rudolph Porter, who was in charge of the Boston & Maine maintenance crew. "Dolph," as he was known, was almost always in a neat blue suit, and wearing a dapper derby, when he wasn't working on the railroad. This picture was taken from Schamiel MacIntosh's blacksmith shop.



Another Mildred Holt picture, taken several years later. Ames Hall is at right, the Blanchard House shows up as the third building, and the fourth is the one built by Mrs. Dr. Miller for her second husband, Henry Hiller, and now the home of the Bedell Brothers Insurance Agency. At left is the Buck Brothers store.

This was Main Street, after 1900. Perhaps a name for this picture could be "Busy, busy, Wilmington!"

and it was bought joyfully or so the story goes. The reason was, quite probably, that the Kickapoo medicine was 23% alcohol.

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Bridge in Wilmington



Another picture of Church Street, taken by Mildred Holt, and also from the blacksmith shop. Wagon wheels can be seen at right, near a flat surface, which could have been a wagon wheel stone, but perhaps wasn't. The stone shows up in another picture on these pages. The names of the men in the picture are not known.

The long building, at left, is a part of the Blanchard House. Beyond it, very dimly, can be seen the home of Mrs. Dr. Frances Hiller.



An Abbott and Doucette photo of Schamiel MacIntosh's places of business. Notice the mud of Church Street, being reconstructed. Main Street goes off to the right.

The first three buildings belonged to Schamiel, the second being his blacksmith shop. In front of the blacksmith shop is the stone shown in another picture. The fourth house down still stands, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.



Another Abbott and Doucett photo, showing the blacksmith shop from the rear, and Schamiel's shop for wagon painting. The wagon, on the second story level, is typical of the Wilmington meat wagons of that day. Wagons travelled every day to the Boston suburbs and Lynn, to sell freshly butchered beef.

Across Main Street, and near the railroad station was a building which some Wilmington people will remember as the site of George's Restaurant. In those days it was Buck Brothers store. There were two, one in North Wilmington, run by Herbert Buck, and one in Wilmington run by George Buck.

Further down, near the place where the Wildcat Railroad branches off to go to Andover was a huge building, quite ramshackle, owned by the railroad, which was always referred to as "the tin shop."

About 1895 the Boston & Maine decided to raise the height of the Burlington Avenue bridge, from its 14 foot level to one of about 16 feet above the tracks.

The writer has no records of the engineering involved. The heights are being guessed.

But it is known who the contractor was who hauled in the gravel for that job.

He was Herbert C. Barrows, then a young man about town. If the writer remembers correctly, it was in 1897 that he bought the farm that is now Avco, so that might be the year. He paid, incidently \$700 for the farm.

Josie Ames owned a small hill, to the westward of where Sweetheart Plastics is now, and fairly close to Burlington Avenue. That hill was sold to a man named Michelini, and he in turn sold it to Schamiel MacIntosh. Schamiel was the man, probably, who sold the gravel to the contractor who built the bridge, and Herb had several dump wagons at work, hauling that gravel over to the site.

It was about this time that a young lady named Mildred Holt began to take pictures, around Wilmington. Mildred was the daughter of the Postmaster, Milton Holt, and she became an expert photographer.

Some of her photos, are today the property of George M.A.M. Webber, and are reproduced here by permission. Other photos in this group were by Edward Abbott and J. Frank Doucette of Stoneham.

Taken together, as shown, the pictures give an idea of Wilmington Square about 1897, when the bridge was raised to its present level.

Now, shortly perhaps, there is to be a new Main Street, at its original level, if the engineers knew what they were talking about last week, and there will be a new bridge over the railroad, even higher than that which was built back about the time of the Spanish American War.

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